

# *Water Efficiency Standards for State Buildings and Institutions of Higher Education Facilities-Update*

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# Overview

## ■ Background

- Chapter 447-Texas Government Code
- 77th Texas Legislature-2001 (HB 3286)
- Texas Administrative Code (TAC)
- SECO Water Conservation Guidelines-2002

## ■ 80<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature-2007 (HB 4)

## ■ SECO Water Standards Committee

## ■ Draft SECO Water Standards

- Contents
- Review
- Adoption

# *Background*

## *Chapter 447.004*

- *Applies for State-Funded buildings only:*  
*State Agencies and Institutions of Higher Education*
- *New Construction, Retrofit, and Addition to Existing*
- *SECO shall review and update the standards biennially*

# *Background*

## *Chapter 447.004*

- *A state agency or an institution of higher education may not begin construction of a new building or a major renovation project, before the design architect or engineer has:*
  - *certified that the design complies with the standards established under this chapter, including engineering documentation*
  - *provided SECO a copy of that certification*

# *Background*

## *77<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature-2001*

- *HB 3286 amends Ch 447.004 to include water conservation along with energy conservation*
- *Directed SECO to establish and publish mandatory energy and water conservation design standards for each new state building or major renovation project*

# *Background (TAC)*

## *Rules §19.31 to Rule §19.34*

- *Rule §19.31-Requirement to Use Design Standards adopted by SECO*
- *Rule §19.32-Energy and Water Conservation Design Standards Adoption by SECO*
- *Rule §19.33-Major Renovation Projects Definition*
- *Rule §19.34-Submission of Certification and Compliance Documentation Requirement*

# *Texas Administrative Code*

## *Rules §19.33*

- *A major renovation project is a building renovation or improvement that affects the energy or water use of the facility*

# *SECO Water Conservation Guidelines-2002*

- *Developed by a committee with members from SECO, TWDB, and City of Austin*
- *Guidelines-Recommendations*
- *Not a mandate (Suggested)*
- *Not included in the SECO Compliance Certification*



# *80<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature-2007*

- *HB 4 amends Ch 447.004 to include on-site reclaimed system technologies*
- *New state buildings at least 10,000 sf. ft.*
- *Any other new state building for which the incorporation of such systems is feasible.*
- *The effective date was September 1, 2009*
- *SECO added a compliance checkbox to the Compliance Certification*

# *80<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature-2007*

- *Do not apply to a new building if:*
  - *A state agency or higher education institution determines it is impractical*
  - *Notifies SECO and provides supporting documentation*

# *80<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature-2007*

- *On-site reclaimed water system technologies for non-potable indoor use and landscaping be incorporated into the design thru*
  - *Rainwater harvesting*
  - *Condensate collection*
  - *Cooling tower blow-down*

# *SECO Water Standards Committee*

- *Created by SECO in January 2009*
- *SAEAG members invited*
- *Final members from SECO, TWDB, TFC, UT-Austin, UT Systems, TWC, and City of Austin*
- *Monthly meetings*
- *Develop the Draft SECO Water Standards*

# *Draft SECO Water Standards*

- *Review of the SECO Water Guidelines-2002 and used as the baseline*
- *Other States Water Standards like New York, California, and Minnesota*
- *Water information from: TCEQ, TFC, SAWS, City of Austin, City of Dallas, TWDB, DOE, EPA-Energy Sense*
- *ASHRAE Std. 189.1*

# *Draft SECO Water Standards*

## ■ *Table of Contents:*

- *Acknowledgements*
- *Background*
- *Purpose of Water Conservation Standards*
- *Introduction*
- *Overview*
- *Definitions*
- *Abbreviations*

# *Draft SECO Water Standards*

- *Cont. Table of Contents:*
- *1.0-Irrigation and Landscape Design*
- *2.0-HVAC*
- *3.0-Refrigeration and Water Treatment*
- *4.0-Rainwater Harvesting, Reclaimed Water, Recycled Water, and Reuse*
- *5.0-Plumbing Fixtures*

# *Draft SECO Water Standards*

## *Cont. Table of Contents:*

- 6.0-Laundry*
- *7.0-Food Service*
- *8.0-Metering and Pumps*
- *9.0-Auto Services and Vehicle Washing*
- *10.0-Lab Facilities:Photography/Medical*
- *11.0-Pools, Spas, and Special Features*
- *References*



# *Draft SECO Water Standards*

- *Final draft finished on June 2010*
- *The file needs formatting*
- *SECO is in the process of consulting with CPA-General Counsel for final review and adoption*
- *The plan is to adopt the SECO Water Standards effective on January 1, 2011*

# *SECO Water Standards Update*

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■ *Questions?*

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- *Thank you!*

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